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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were 3 cents lower on the larger sizes but unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous day's prices. Trade sentiment was mixed, but ranged mostly barely steady to weak. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were fully adequate to ample on the larger sizes and closely balanced on mediums. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Spent hens were fully sufficient for the fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as less than normal for the upcoming week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for large and medium with all other reported prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to about steady. Cartoned egg sales were reported as slow to fairly good where features were present. Loose egg movement mostly light to about moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample on large and mediums with other sizes mixed. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were moderate to fully adequate with demand light to moderate. Schedules were part-time to full time. Trade sentiment steady.

| | | IA-MN-WI | | Prices paid to producers. | | Range | Mostly |
|-------------|-------|----------|--|---------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 50-60 | 51-57 | | LARGE | 28-36 | | 31 |
| LARGE | 49-59 | 50-54 | | MEDIUM | 8-13 | | 11 |
| MEDIUM | 28-38 | 30-33 | | SMALL | 4-6 | | |

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak entering the holiday weekend. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the fair demand. Spent hens were fully sufficient for the fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as less than normal for the upcoming week.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 58-73 | 59-62 |
| LARGE | 52-66 | 57-61 |
| MEDIUM | 31-44 | 36-38 |

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to fairly good. Supplies were in close balance on mediums to available on the larger sizes. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand light to moderate for the available offerings. Schedules parttime to fulltime. Trade sentiment steady.

| RANGE | MOSTLY | EXTRA |
|--------|---------|-------|
| LARGE | 57.5-66 | 59-62 |
| LARGE | 56.5-65 | 58-61 |
| MEDIUM | 34.5-43 | 36-39 |

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady entering the long holiday weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for planned holiday schedules. Light type hens were fully sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|------------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 56.5-73.25 | 58-61 |
| LARGE | 55-71.25 | 56-59 |
| MEDIUM | 33.5-39.25 | 34-38 |

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were 3 cents lower on extra large and large, but unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous day's prices. Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 58-62 |
| LARGE | 56-60 |
| MEDIUM | 40-44 |

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS Prices were unchanged for all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies are adequate to ample.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 57-65 | 59-61 |
| LARGE | 56-61 | 57-60 |
| MEDIUM | 37-44 | 38-40 |

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WESTERN REGION EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week throughout the region 3 cents lower on jumbo, 8 cents lower on extra large and large, and 6 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 3 cents lower on jumbo, 8 cents lower on extra large and large, and 6 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 51. No ads noted in Southern California.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms. **RANGE**

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| JUMBO | 104 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 100 |
| LARGE | 91 |
| MEDIUM | 71 |

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN. **RANGE**

| | |
|-------------|-------|
| JUMBO | 82-93 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 80-88 |
| LARGE | 78-81 |
| MEDIUM | 58-61 |

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN. **RANGE**

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| JUMBO | 249-269 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 219-289 |
| LARGE | 199-239 |
| MEDIUM | 189-205 |

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Demand light to moderate for the available offerings. Floor stocks increasing and noted as adequate to fully adequate. Schedules parttime to fulltime. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|--|-------|--------|
| BREAKING STOCK | 25-30 | |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 12-16 | 13-15 |
| CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI | | |

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. The undertone was steady to about steady. Offerings were irregular, although sufficient for planned holiday processing schedules. Demand was fair. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 25-Dec-04 decreased 8 percent when compared to the previous week, however 8 percent more than the same week a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|---|-------|--------|
| BREAKING STOCK | 24-29 | 26-28 |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 12-18 | 13-16 |
| EASTERN REGION AREA: AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV | | |

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 25-DEC-04 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

| | CASES BROKEN | LIQUID WHOLE | LIQUID WHITE | LIQUID YOLK | DRIED | INED |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| CW | 1,111,846 | 25,821 | 11,231 | 6,266 | 2,524 | 3,941 |
| PW | 1,243,491 | 29,563 | 12,245 | 6,752 | 2,554 | 4,502 |
| LY | 989,735 | 25,126 | 8,518 | 4,734 | 2,256 | 3,521 |
| % CHG PW | -11 | -13 | -8 | -7 | -1 | -12 |
| % CHG LY | 12 | 3 | 32 | 32 | 12 | 12 |
| 2004 | 63,176,850 | 1,503,939 | 607,417 | 328,836 | 134,953 | 217,647 |
| 2003 | 59,504,326 | 1,466,589 | 534,395 | 291,009 | 115,690 | 212,513 |
| % CHG YTD | 6 | 3 | 14 | 13 | 17 | 2 |

| | CURRENT WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK | LAST YEAR |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - | | | |
| (INEDIBLE INCLUDED) | 42.50 | 42.67 | 42.33 |
| (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED) | 38.96 | 39.05 | 38.78 |

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 43 to 48 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was barely steady for all liquid products. Trading and demand was light due to the shortened holiday schedules. Offers adequate to fully adequate for all products. Buyers working reduced schedules and existing shell egg floor stocks with limited capability to process additional liquid. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

| CLASS | LOADS | RANGE | WTD. AVG. | CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK |
|--------|-------|-------|-----------|--------------------------|
| WHOLE | 7 | 24-26 | 25.57 | -76 |
| WHITES | 13 | 24-26 | 25.12 | -98 |
| YOLKS | 6 | 49 | 49.00 | -1.00 |

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged on whole and sugar yolks, and unchanged to lower on whites and salt yolk when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was irregular but generally steady. Supplies were balanced to adequate for trade needs. Demand was seasonal but noted as light to moderate with product moving. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 25-Dec-2004 were 4% less than the previous week, but 12 % more than last year.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

| | TRUCKLOTS RANGE | (MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY | LTL RANGE |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| WHOLE | 36-43 | 37-39 | 44-48 |
| BLENDS (/) | TFEWR | | 60-80 |
| WHITES | 39-45 | 41-43 | 47-52 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 54-60 | 56-60 | 63-67 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 53-58 | 54-57 | 58-65 |
| (/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids. | | | |

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN All prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites and steady to cautiously steady for frozen sugared and salted yolk. Demand was fairly good to instances good on frozen whole egg with demand on the balance of products seasonally quiet. Offerings were adequate to at least adequate for all frozen products. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

| | TRUCKLOTS RANGE | MOSTLY |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| WHOLE | 37-41 | 37-38 |
| WHITES | 42-44 | 42 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 56-60 | 57-59 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 54-57 | 55 |

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the holiday week ending 12/25 was 16% less than the previous week. Frozen demand slowed with freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

| | LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WHOLE | 43-46 |
| WHITES | 47-50 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 63-66 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 61-64 |

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged on yolks and blends, but lower on whole and albumen when compared to a week earlier. Trading was lighter this week, but demand was still in a range of light to occasionally good. Supplies were reported as moving but sufficient. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady on yolks and whole, and mixed on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 25-Dec-2004 were 1% less than the previous week, but 12% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 17% higher than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| WHOLE | 1.39-1.70 | MOSTLY 1.45-1.55 |
| YOLKS | 1.30-1.48 | MOSTLY 1.35-1.45 |
| ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED | 2.45-2.90 | MOSTLY 2.65-2.80 |
| BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER) | 1.35-1.70 | MOSTLY 1.40-1.45 |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES* WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 23 -29, 2004

| CURRENT LOADS 44.25 | | | | | | | | FUTURE LOADS 77.75 | | | | | | | | TOTAL LOADS 122.00 | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| SE | | | | NE | | MW | | SC | | | | NW | | | | SW | | | | | | | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | | | | | | | | |
| GNR W 1 | 32.50 | 33.50 | 32.83 | 35.00 | -- | -- | 14.00 | GNR W 1 | -- | 33.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 4.00 | | | | | | | | |
| GNR BR 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1.00 | GL W J | -- | -- | 49.00 | -- | -- | 56.00 | 1.50 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W J | -- | -- | 58.00 | 59.00 | 42.50 | -- | 3.00 | GL W XL | 38.33 | 43.00 | -- | -- | -- | 47.67 | 12.50 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W XL | 49.50 | 49.67 | 46.00 | 48.74 | 36.21 | 40.33 | 37.50 | GL W LG | -- | 38.00 | -- | -- | -- | 43.50 | 10.50 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W LG | -- | 46.00 | -- | 42.00 | 31.00 | -- | 10.00 | GL W MD | -- | 25.50 | 27.45 | -- | -- | 33.13 | 7.25 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W MD | -- | -- | 25.00 | 27.00 | 22.00 | -- | 5.25 | GL BR XL | 61.00 | 67.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | .50 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W SM | 23.63 | 26.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 2.00 | GL BR LG | 60.00 | 66.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | .50 | | | | | | | | |
| GL BR LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1.00 | GL BR MD | 21.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 25.00 | 1.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 50 | -- | -- | 25.75 | 27.00 | -- | -- | 2.00 | NRBS - 48 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | -- | 23.00 | -- | 28.00 | -- | 26.68 | 37.00 | NRBS - 39 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 15.00 | 16.00 | 1.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 45 | -- | -- | 24.00 | 25.00 | -- | -- | 2.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 42 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 18.50 | 20.50 | 3.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 39 | -- | -- | 19.33 | 22.00 | -- | -- | 3.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

*Weighted average prices are listed for various classed priced by origin and/or destination for 6 regions. The loads column reflects total loads reported and includes loads with prices to be determined later. NRBS categories represent net weight-material may or may not be included. Load movement represents total movement within 6 regions.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was fair to moderate with offerings of spent hens fully sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were less than normal. Opinions on removal costs were steady.

| | | |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| REMOVAL COST | 4-9 | 6-9 |

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Values were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were less than normal. Cost required for disposal were expected to be steady.

| | | |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| REMOVAL COST | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices ranged unchanged. Demand was moderate with offerings at least adequate. Schedules were slightly less than normal for this week and full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

| | | |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| REMOVAL COST | 0-5 | |

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was ranged fair to good for both light and heavy canners with most supplies of heavies being used internally. Offerings were about adequate to adequate and clearing. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

| | |
|--|---|
| LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) | HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) |
| 28-32 MAJORITY 28-30 | TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT |
| CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED | |
| LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) | HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) |
| 29-34 MAJORITY 30-34 | TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT |

U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

This report will be released when the information becomes available.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

COMBINED REGIONAL SHELL EGGS

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

| REGIONS | EX LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|-------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| NORTHEAST | 60.50 | 59.00 | 37.00 |
| SOUTHEAST | 59.50 | 57.50 | 36.00 |
| MIDWEST | 54.00 | 52.00 | 31.50 |
| SOUTH CENTRAL | 60.50 | 59.50 | 37.50 |
| COMBINED REGIONAL | 58.68 | 57.09 | 35.57 |

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

| Week Ending December 18, 2004 | | Year-To-Date | | |
|-------------------------------|------|--------------|---------|--------|
| TYPE | 2004 | 2003 1/ | 2004 2/ | 2003 |
| Liquid | 411 | 359 | 18,868 | 16,940 |
| Frozen | 28 | 0 | 64 | 96 |
| Dried | 57 | 40 | 913 | 591 |
| Total | 496 | 399 | 19,845 | 17,627 |

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

| Week Ending December 18, 2004 | | Year-To-Date | | |
|-------------------------------|------|--------------|---------|--------|
| TYPE | 2004 | 2003 1/ | 2004 2/ | 2003 |
| Liquid | 22 | 26 | 7,578 | 5,163 |
| Frozen | 40 | 2 | 1,564 | 3,701 |
| Dried | 0 | 0 | 2,113 | 1,251 |
| Total | 62 | 28 | 11,255 | 10,115 |

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

| Week Ending December 18, 2004 | | Year-To-Date | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| TYPE | 2004 | 2003 1/ | 2004 2/ | 2003 |
| Jumbo | 0 | 19 | 392 | 622 |
| Extra Large | 4,695 | 4,250 | 187,208 | 43,378 |
| Large | 12,455 | 8,084 | 372,399 | 150,787 |
| Medium | 818 | 1,687 | 122,912 | 66,674 |
| Ungraded | 9,070 | 0 | 336,267 | 184,952 |
| Misc | 0 | 0 | 16,790 | 14,222 |
| Total | 27,038 | 14,040 | 1,035,968 | 460,635 |

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

| | | Frozen Eggs/LBS | Turkeys/LBS | Processed other Poultry/LBS |
|---------|----------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| AM | 12/27/04 | 3,500 | 53,863 | 58,624 |
| AM | 12/01/04 | 3,806 | 66,595 | 60,214 |
| CHG | | -306 | -12732 | -1590 |
| PCT CHG | | -8% | -19% | -3% |

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 25-Dec-2004

| Selected Consuming Centers | CW (Thousands) | LW | PERCENT CHANGE | |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------|----------------|-----|
| | | | LW | LY |
| ATLANTA | 22.1 | 28.8 | -23 | -33 |
| BOSTON | 2.7 | 3.4 | -23 | -38 |
| CHICAGO | 81.0 | 65.8 | 23 | 17 |
| DETROIT | 34.5 | 27.6 | 25 | 9 |
| KANSAS CITY | 4.9 | 5.3 | -7 | -15 |
| LOS ANGELES | 91.4 | 89.3 | 2 | -12 |
| NEW ORLEANS | 7.0 | 6.7 | 4 | -33 |
| NEW YORK | 33.9 | 36.9 | -8 | 7 |
| ST. LOUIS | 15.0 | 24.2 | -38 | -8 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 24.3 | 21.4 | 14 | -2 |
| TOTAL | 316.8 | 309.5 | 2 | -4 |
| 4 WK MOVING AVG | 302.3 | | | |

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

| W/E 25-Dec-04 | CASES | PERCENT CHANGE FROM | |
|--------------------|------------|---------------------|----|
| REGIONS | (IN THOUS) | PW | LY |
| North Atlantic | 250.1 | -6 | 12 |
| East North Central | 592.4 | -1 | 14 |
| West North Central | 280.7 | -6 | 2 |
| South Atlantic | 219.2 | -6 | 1 |
| South Central | 72 | 0 | 3 |
| West | 194.2 | 2 | 6 |
| Total | 1608.6 | -3 | 8 |

Matched Plants reporting Previous week 86

Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Dec 28, 2004

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

| | EXTRA LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| MAINE | 109 | 107 | 68 | 45 |
| MOSTLY | - | - | - | - |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 102-106 | 100-104 | 61-65 | 38-42 |
| MOSTLY | 104-105 | 102-103 | 63-64 | 40-41 |
| RHODE ISLAND | 105-109 | 103-107 | 67-71 | 44-48 |
| MOSTLY | 105 | 103 | 67 | 44 |
| VERMONT | 112-115 | 110 | 69-71 | - |
| MOSTLY | 112 | - | 71 | - |

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| | Fax | (404)562-5875 | Officer-in-Charge | Los Angeles, CA | Voice | (213)534-1330 | Jim Derby, |
| | Recorded | (404)562-5856 | | | Fax | (213)534-1333 | Officer-in-Charge |
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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 12/28/2004 Report Period: 11/28/2004 - 12/4/2004

CasesShipped to

| <u>State</u> | <u>Northern California</u> | <u>Central California</u> | <u>Southern California</u> | <u>Total State</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Arizona | 0 | 0 | 4,858 | 4,858 |
| Arkansas | 0 | 0 | 780 | 780 |
| Colorado | 0 | 0 | 1,570 | 1,570 |
| Illinois | 0 | 0 | 1,080 | 1,080 |
| Iowa | 5,659 | 4,328 | 59,956 | 69,943 |
| Michigan | 0 | 0 | 1,604 | 1,604 |
| Minnesota | 2,270 | 660 | 10,352 | 13,282 |
| Missouri | 0 | 0 | 4,560 | 4,560 |
| Nevada | 0 | 0 | 780 | 780 |
| North Carolina | 0 | 0 | 750 | 750 |
| Ohio | 0 | 0 | 3,306 | 3,306 |
| Oregon | 665 | 6 | 0 | 671 |
| South Dakota | 0 | 0 | 594 | 594 |
| Utah | 319 | 1,480 | 12,830 | 14,629 |
| Wisconsin | 0 | 0 | 2,340 | 2,340 |
| TOTAL | 8,913 | 6,474 | 105,360 | 120,747 |
| MILITARY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NONMILITARY | 8,913 | 6,474 | 105,360 | 120,747 |

Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture, Egg Quality Control

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 12/28/2004 Report Period: 12/5/2004 - 12/11/2004

CasesShipped to

| <u>State</u> | <u>Northern California</u> | <u>Central California</u> | <u>Southern California</u> | <u>Total State</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Arizona | 0 | 0 | 1,290 | 1,290 |
| Arkansas | 0 | 0 | 860 | 860 |
| Colorado | 0 | 810 | 4,184 | 4,994 |
| Illinois | 0 | 0 | 1,260 | 1,260 |
| Iowa | 5,678 | 4,848 | 55,499 | 66,025 |
| Michigan | 0 | 0 | 3,252 | 3,252 |
| Minnesota | 2,935 | 1,620 | 11,313 | 15,868 |
| Missouri | 792 | 0 | 4,866 | 5,658 |
| Nevada | 0 | 264 | 810 | 1,074 |
| New Hampshire | 0 | 0 | 960 | 960 |
| Ohio | 0 | 0 | 1,762 | 1,762 |
| Oregon | 1,802 | 0 | 0 | 1,802 |
| South Dakota | 680 | 0 | 594 | 1,274 |
| Texas | 0 | 0 | 2,093 | 2,093 |
| Utah | 0 | 600 | 11,941 | 12,541 |
| Virginia | 0 | 780 | 0 | 780 |
| Wisconsin | 0 | 810 | 9,181 | 9,991 |
| TOTAL | 11,887 | 9,732 | 109,865 | 131,484 |
| MILITARY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NONMILITARY | 11,887 | 9,732 | 109,865 | 131,484 |

Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture, Egg Quality Control